



# RIPON CATHEDRAL

## **Festal Evensong**

to celebrate the Feast of St Wilfrid  
with the Alumni of Ripon Cathedral Choir

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
5.30pm

## Welcome to this service

A very warm welcome to Ripon Cathedral as we keep our patronal festival, the feast of St Wilfrid of Ripon. St Wilfrid dedicated his great basilica here in 672AD. We especially offer a very warm welcome to the Alumni of the Cathedral Choir and members of the Cathedral Music Trust. Wilfrid's basilica of 672AD was a church building which spoke of wider, universal influence, and the determination to equip the church for fitting worship and active mission in the world. It is remarkable that its crypt remains to this day, the oldest built fabric of all England's cathedrals, witnessing to the faithfulness of God through the ups and downs of history.

St Wilfrid, holy and bold, continues to be an inspiration to us today as we seek to be a cathedral which continues Christ's mission of growing God's kingdom. Like Wilfrid, we seek to serve Jesus Christ by building up his Church and helping people to find faith in him.

Dean John



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## About this service

The service is sung by The Cathedral Choir and Alumni to the Service in B flat by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924). The Responses are set by Humphrey Clucas (b. 1941).

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*Please stand for the entry of the Choir and clergy.*

## **Preces**

Cantor            O Lord, open thou our lips  
Choir              and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Cantor            O God, make speed to save us,  
Choir              O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor and  
Choir              Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
                         and to the Holy Ghost;  
                         as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
                         ever shall be, world, without end. Amen.

Cantor and  
Choir              Praise ye the Lord,  
                         The Lord's name be praised.

## **Welcome and Introduction**

*Given by The Dean.*

## **Processional Hymn**

**Angel-voices ever singing  
Round thy throne of light,  
Angel-harps, for ever ringing,  
Rest not day nor night;  
Thousands only live to bless thee  
And confess thee  
Lord of might.**

**Thou who art beyond the farthest  
Mortal eye can scan,  
Can it be that thou regardest  
Songs of sinful man?  
Can we feel that thou art near us,  
And wilt hear us?  
Yea, we can.**

For we know that thou rejoicest  
O'er each work of thine;  
Thou didst ears and hands and voices  
For thy praise design;  
Craftsman's art and music's measure  
For thy pleasure  
All combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer  
Of thine own to thee;  
And for thine acceptance proffer  
All unworthily,  
Hearts and minds and hands and voices  
In our choicest  
Psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit  
Thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Blessèd Trinity.  
Of the best that thou hast given  
Earth and heaven  
Render thee.

*NEH 336*

*Words: Francis Pott (1832–1909)*

*Music: Edwin George Monk (1819–1900); Descant: Phillip Marshall (1921-2005)*

## **Psalm**

*Please sit after the choir has sung the opening words of the Psalm.*

Choir            O Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me :  
                      thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising,  
                      thou understandest my thoughts long before.  
  
                      Thou art about my path, and about my bed :  
                      and spiest out all my ways.  
  
                      For lo, there is not a word in my tongue :  
                      but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.  
  
                      Thou hast fashioned me behind and before :  
                      and laid thine hand upon me.  
  
                      Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me :  
                      I cannot attain unto it.  
  
                      Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit :  
                      or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

If I climb up into heaven, thou art there :  
if I go down to hell, thou art there also.  
If I take the wings of the morning :  
and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;  
Even there also shall thy hand lead me :  
and thy right hand shall hold me.  
If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me :  
then shall my night be turned to day.  
Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee,  
but the night is as clear as the day :  
the darkness and light to thee are both alike.  
For my reins are thine :  
thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.  
I will give thanks unto thee,  
for I am fearfully and wonderfully made :  
marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.  
My bones are not hid from thee :  
though I be made secretly,  
and fashioned beneath in the earth.  
Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect :  
and in thy book were all my members written;  
Which day by day were fashioned :  
when as yet there was none of them.  
How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God :  
O how great is the sum of them!  
If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand :  
when I wake up I am present with thee.  
Wilt thou not slay the wicked, O God :  
depart from me, ye blood-thirsty men.  
For they speak unrighteously against thee :  
and thine enemies take thy Name in vain.  
Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee  
and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?  
Yea, I hate them right sore :  
even as though they were mine enemies.  
Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart :  
prove me, and examine my thoughts.  
Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me :  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

*Psalms 139*

*Please stand.*

Glory be to the Father:  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning; is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Please sit.*

## **The First Lesson**

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you, you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you. Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel. Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the LORD, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who by myself spread out the earth; who frustrates the omens of liars, and makes fools of diviners; who turns back the wise, and makes their knowledge foolish; who confirms the word of his servant, and fulfills the prediction of his messengers; who says of Jerusalem, "It shall be inhabited," and of the cities of Judah, "They shall be rebuilt, and I will raise up their ruins"; who says to the deep, "Be dry—I will dry up your rivers"; who says of Cyrus, "He is my shepherd, and he shall carry out all my purpose"; and who says of Jerusalem, "It shall be rebuilt," and of the temple, "Your foundation shall be laid."

*Isaiah 44. 21–28*

*After a short silence, please stand.*

## Magnificat

*The altar is censed during the Magnificat.*

Choir            My soul doth magnify the Lord  
                    and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
  
                    For he hath regarded :  
                    the lowliness of his hand-maiden.  
  
                    For behold, from henceforth :  
                    all generations shall call me blessed.  
  
                    For he that is mighty hath magnified me :  
                    and holy is his Name.  
  
                    And his mercy is on them that fear him :  
                    throughout all generations.  
  
                    He hath shewed strength with his arm :  
                    he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
  
                    He hath put down the mighty from their seat :  
                    and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
  
                    He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
                    and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
  
                    He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :  
                    as he promised to our forefathers,  
                                Abraham and his seed, for ever.  
  
                    Glory be to the Father:  
                    and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
                    as it was in the beginning: is now, and ever shall be:  
                    world without end. Amen.

*Please sit.*

## The Second Lesson

A reading from the gospel according to St John.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me." Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!" So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?" This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true.

*John 21. 15-24*

*After a short silence, please stand.*

## Nunc Dimittis

Choir            Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace  
                     according to thy word.

                     For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;  
                     Which thou hast prepared  
                     before the face of all people;

                     To be a light to lighten the Gentiles  
                     and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

                     Glory be to the Father:  
                     and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
                     as it was in the beginning: is now, and ever shall be:  
                     world without end. Amen.



## The Apostles' Creed

Minster  
All

I believe in God  
**the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.**  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## The Lesser Litany

Cantor           The Lord be with you.  
Choir             And with thy spirit.  
Cantor           Let us pray.

*Please sit or kneel.*

Choir             Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## The Lord's Prayer

Choir            Our Father,  
                      which art in heaven,  
                      hallowed be thy name.  
                      thy kingdom come;  
                      thy will be done,  
                      in earth as it is in heaven.  
                      Give us this day our daily bread.  
                      And forgive us our trespasses,  
                      as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
                      And lead us not into temptation;  
                      but deliver us from evil.  
                      Amen.

## The Responses

Cantor            O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
Choir              And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor            O Lord, save the King.  
Choir              And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor            Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
Choir              And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor            O Lord, save thy people.  
Choir              And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor            Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
Choir              Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
                      but only thou, O God.

Cantor            O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
Choir              And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God,  
who didst call our forebears to the light of the Gospel by the  
preaching of thy servant Wilfrid:  
grant us, who keep his life and labour in remembrance,  
to glorify thy Name by following the example of his zeal and  
perseverance; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## **The Collect for Peace**

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels  
and all just works do proceed;  
give unto thy servants that peace  
    which the world cannot give;  
that both our hearts  
    may be set to obey thy commandments,  
and also that, by thee,  
we being defended from the fear of our enemies  
may pass our time in rest and quietness;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

## **The Collect for Aid against all Perils**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord  
and by thy great mercy defend us  
from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*Please sit.*

## Anthem

Blest pair of Sirens, pledges of Heaven's joy,  
Sphere-born harmonious sisters, Voice and Verse,  
Wed your divine sounds, and mixt power employ,  
Dead things with inbreathed sense able to pierce,

And to our high-raised phantasy present  
That undisturbed song of pure concert,  
Aye sung before the sapphire-coloured throne  
To Him that sits thereon,  
With saintly shout, and solemn jubilee,

Where the bright Seraphim in burning row  
Their loud uplifted angel-trumpets blow,  
And the Cherubic host in thousand quires  
Touch their immortal harps of golden wires,  
With those just Spirits that wear victorious palms,  
Hymns devout and holy psalms  
Singing everlastingly:

That we on earth with undiscording voice  
May rightly answer that melodious noise;  
As once we did, till disproportioned sin  
Jarred against nature's chime, and with harsh din  
Broke the fair music that all creatures made  
To their great Lord,  
whose love their motion swayed  
In perfect diapason, whilst they stood  
In first obedience, and their state of good.

O may we soon again renew that song,  
And keep in tune with Heav'n, till God ere long  
To His celestial concert us unite,  
To live with Him, and sing in endless morn of light.

*Words: John Milton (1608-1674)*

*Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)*

## The Prayers

*The prayers end with the Grace.*

## The Grace

*All*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.  
Amen.

## Offertory Hymn

How shall I sing that majesty  
Which angels do admire?  
Let dust in dust and silence lie;  
Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.  
Thousands of thousands stand around  
Thy throne, O God most high;  
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound  
Thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,  
Whilst I thy footsteps trace;  
A sound of God comes to my ears,  
But they behold thy face.  
They sing because thou art their Sun;  
Lord, send a beam on me;  
For where heaven is but once begun  
There alleluyas be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,  
Inflame it with love's fire;  
Then shall I sing and bear a part  
With that celestial choir.  
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,  
With all my fire and light;  
Yet when thou dost accept their gold,  
Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,  
Which doth all beings keep!  
Thy knowledge is the only line  
To sound so vast a deep.  
Thou art a sea without a shore,  
A sun without a sphere;  
Thy time is now and evermore,  
Thy place is everywhere.

*NEH 373*

*Words: John Mason (c. 1645–1694)*

*Music: Kenneth Nicholson Naylor (1931–1991)*

## The Blessing

Canon            The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,  
                      keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of  
                      God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:  
                      And the blessing of God Almighty,  
                      the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,  
                      be amongst you and remain with you always.  
All                **Amen.**

## Organ Voluntary

Tuba Tune

*Norman Cocker (1889–1953)*



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CATHEDRAL

## FALLEN LEAVES

A service to remember those  
who have died

Sunday 3rd November  
3.30 pm in the cathedral

Every year in the autumn we remember in love and prayer  
those who have died and comfort one another in grief.

This service, with beautiful music from the choir, enables  
us to reflect on loss and hope for the future.

All welcome. No need to book



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5.30pm

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